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Thanks

... for supporting this week's International Day, and to the School Council for your prior organisation and your leadership on the day.

... to those wonderful parents who assisted with the term headlice inspection

People of the week

... Dario who made the 9 year old boys finals in the North Island Titles of BMX. He has earnt his NI8 (North Island 8) plate.. congratulations Dario.

... Caden for assisting a younger child in need this week. Well done!

Term Calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

30 October	October meeting of the Board of Trustees
2 November	Central Calf Club Day
2 November	Year 7 and 8 Debating Competition
7 November	Zone Athletics at Poroti School
16 November	ESOL trip to the Adventure Forest (Interschool)
21 November	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
22 November	Year 7 and 8 Junior Volleyball Tournament
22 November	Year 5 and 6 Speech Finals
27 November	Year 3 Outdoor Education Day - Adventure Forest
28 November	Year 1-3 trip to Mair Park
30 November	Year 4-6 Interschool Athletics
1 December	Tech Quest
6 December	School Team Athletics Day (pp7.12)
8 December	Final Year 7 and 8 Tech Day for 2017
11 December	School prize Giving
12 December	End of year Reports issued
13 December	Year 7 and 8 Fun Day
14 December	Final day of the 2017 school year (mid-day finish)

First day of 2018 school year Wednesday 31 January

Sunhats .. Drink Bottles

Please check that your child has their sunhat and drink bottle (preferably water) each day when they head for school.

Headlice Inspection

This week's inspection indicated low levels of infestation. If you did get a letter advising of infestation, or suspected infestation, please treat immediately. All parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please so that we stay on top of this problem.

Final Virtue for 2017

Please find attached support material for the Courtesy Virtue. Please ...

... read over this with your children

... talk about how you practice in your own life

... help your child set some courtesy goals.

Let us know of good examples to share of how you have noticed courtesy.

Please refer to recent newsletters (stored on our website) for information on...

... Home Gardens ... Return of Matarau T-Shirts
... OoZ placements 2018 ... Learning Support placements

School Cups

2017 prizegiving is coming fast. If you have school cups at home please get these to school at your earliest convenience. Thank you

Term Contributions

Those whom opted for term contributions will receive a payment request next week for payment at your nearest convenience. Although this is a voluntary contribution, the board encourages all parents to pay please out of fairness to other parents.

Activity and similar fees

Some parents may receive a request for payment of activity (or similar) fees. These fees are compulsory unless a parent has requested an "opt out" for their child for the relevant events or trips.

School Hats

Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named. Hats are available for purchase from the school office for \$9 each, in a range of sizes. There is a limited supply of second hand hats for \$3 each, but most of these are only small sizes.

The school gate nearest the office

... will be out of commission during morning tea and lunchtime until further notice. We apologise for the inconvenience and request that parents use the other gates if doing business at school during morning or lunch break. We are moving as quickly as we can to solve this problem.

Calendar Art orders

For those who ordered calendars, cards, dairies or notepads, these were given to your child this week, along with their artwork.

All students will have received a re-order form. If you wish to re-order, please send your order and payment to the school office by next Friday - 3rd November. If you did not order initially but would like to now place an order, please return your new order form, payment and child's artwork to the school office by Friday 3rd Nov. Any questions to Mrs Sinclair please.

Zone Athletics - Poroti School - Years 4 to 8

As advised our zone athletics will be held at Poroti School on Tuesday 7th November. This is an all-day event. As well as an opportunity for our children to improve their athletics skills, this is an opportunity for them to connect with children from other schools. The top placed qualifiers also earn spots in the Whangarei Athletics Championships.

It is our intention to travel by bus, but we recognize that some parents will want to transport their own children. **The cost of the bus will be met from the activity fee paid earlier in the year.**

Please note that there will not be regular classes on this day for year 4 to 8 students.

Consent forms will be sent home shortly. Please complete these promptly and return them to school by Friday 27th October.

Children are asked to bring school sunhats, something warm, lunch, plenty to drink and sunblock and spending money at your discretion. Please also ensure that children wear their Matarau T-Shirts.



Art Scholarship

Letters have now been given to children who have indicated an interest in the art scholarship.

Please let your child's teacher know please if your child needs any help preparing their art display.

Due date for these Monday 20 November.

Hockey

To all Hockey Coaches & Parents - If you still have your child's hockey shirt, it needs to be returned to school urgently. If shirts are not returned by the end of next week you will receive an invoice to cover the cost of a replacement shirt - which is \$40. There are at least 25 shirts still outstanding! Thank you.

Single Tennis Championship - Wednesday 1 Nov 2017

Open for Years 5-6 & Years 7-8 on 1 November 2017 (postponement - 8 Nov from 9:30 until 2:30pm at Thomas Neale Family Memorial Park Tennis Centre, Winger Crescent - Kamo

All Matarau children are eligible to enter - note this is not a school wide event and you will need to enter your child/children directly & pay the entry fee of \$10 each player on the day.

To enter email Pete Stenberg on tennisnorthland@xtra.co.nz as soon as possible.

Home Gardens

Hopefully everyone's garden is going well. If you haven't already, now the soil temperature is starting to warm up, you should be thinking about planting your seedlings out. Remember to feed your plants with something like a seaweed feed to help reduce transplant shock. Things like carrots, that need to be sown directly, should be planted now. When watering, your plants will do better with a deep/long watering two to three times a week instead of a short watering each day. Remember to feed regularly and mulch if necessary.

Next week - Thursday (2nd of November), there will be a lunchtime meeting for all home gardeners.

The following Thursday (9th November), we invite students to bring along a seedling to swap with another student that is doing home garden. This is a great opportunity for students to share what they are doing and perhaps try something new in their garden. Plants can be brought to room 3 any time over the next two weeks for safe keeping (they will be looked after).

Please remind children to update their diaries regularly and to take photos of their progress. As you start to harvest produce, remember to take photos so that they judges can see what you have been growing.

Garden judging will take place on Saturday 2nd December. Permission slips will be sent home with the children in a couple of weeks time.

Rachael Burgin, Simone Gentil, Jayde Jongkind

Pathways for year 6 students entering our year 7 and 8 programme next year

Parents of year 6 children who would like to contribute to pathway decisions for their child are reminded that Mrs Donaldson is scheduling appointments for 3, 9 and 10 November, each appointment is around 20 minutes duration. If you would like the opportunity to have input to placement decisions please email Mrs Donaldson on ... kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz

Just to recap, the primary pathways are as follows

- ... Full Cambridge Maths and English
- ... Full Cambridge Maths, hybrid English
- ... Full Cambridge English, hybrid Maths
- ... Hybrid Maths and English
- ... Alternatives matched to preferred intelligence / learning style

As advised earlier, parents of year 6 students who have advised that their child will not be attending Matarau School in 2018 will not undertake testing or have a placement interview unless their parent specifically requests this.

International Student Placement

We may have a student from China who needs a 12 month home placement for 2018. This student would need their own bedroom. Our pastoral care staff would need to conduct a prior home visit, undertake police vetting of all occupants over 18, and revisit the home each term. If you think you might be interested please contact Kevin next week for more details.

Finally

Where did the man with one hand go to get a new hand? .. the second hand shop.
(Joke from Liam room 11).

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella
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Community Notices

Pilates at Ruatangata Hall Wednesdays at 5.30 or Fridays at 6.30; \$100 for 10 sessions, or \$15 casual. Book with Carla online at <http://www.justdancewhangarei.biz/> or cell 021 0235 7440 or turn up!

House wanted to Rent - Family looking for 3+ bdrm home in Matarau area.

Ideally with 2 living areas / granny flat type set up. Long term.

Trish 021 843 100 or trish_reumah@hotmail.com

Kamo Swimming Club – 2017/18 Season - Stroke Improvement lessons for children who can swim 10m in basic strokes without stopping. Held at Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo from Monday 30th October at 4.30pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. Club nights also held regularly. Registration day Friday 27th October at KHS Pool, come and enrol. High School students welcome - good opportunity to come & swim lengths and get stroke improvement tips and fitness in a relaxed

SPCA Jog for Dogs – Sunday 5th November, Hatea Loop, 10am registration, 11am start. 12.30pm raffle drawn. \$15 per person entry, \$40 family (2 adults, 3 chldn). Spot prizes, Multi-draw raffle. All proceeds go directly to the SPCA Whangarei. www.jog4dogs.co.nz to register.

House Cleaning Services, Ph Cristina 021 464 300 for details.

Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving - Junior Surf programme for 4-13 year olds. Starts Sunday 12th November at Ruakaka Surf Club. More info visit www.ruakakalifeguards.co.nz/junior-surf or contact Jeni on 021 134 0889 or Jaime 021 874 472.

Matarau School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pie, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday afternoon at the latest at the office, to receive Friday.

